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Note verbale dated 30 March 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting drafting proposals on the revised draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1)

The Charges d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations in New York presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (attn: Department for Disarmament Affairs and Secretary of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects) and has the honour to request that the attached proposed amendments of the Philippines to the draft Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1) (see annex) be circulated as a document of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

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Annex

Proposed amendments submitted by the Philippines to A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1 (sections II and III)

Section II

Paragraph 2

To establish, where they do not exist, national coordination agencies or bodies and the appropriate institutional infrastructure responsible for policy guidance, research and monitoring of efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. This should include aspects of the **manufacture,** spread, control, circulation, **brokering,** trade, **tracing,** collection, destruction and reduction of small arms and light weapons.

Paragraph 4

To put in place **and enforce** adequate laws, regulations and administrative procedures to exercise effective control over the legal manufacture, stockpiling ...

Paragraph 6

To adopt and enforce all necessary measures to prevent the manufacture, stockpiling, **brokering**, transfer and possession of any unmarked or inadequately marked small arms and light weapons. ...

Paragraph 7

To ensure that comprehensive and accurate records are kept for **a minimum of 25 years** ~~as long as possible~~ on the manufacture, holding and transfer of small arms and light weapons within their jurisdiction. ...

Paragraph 10

To put in place adequate laws, regulations and administrative procedures to ensure the effective control over the **transport**, **transit** and transfer of small arms and light weapons, including the use of authenticated end-user certificates, and enhanced legal enforcement measures.

Paragraph 15

(The Philippines can support the current formulation but will make an interpretative remark on the phrase "destroyed expeditiously".)

Paragraph 21

To develop and implement, where they do not exist, effective, disarmament, demobilization, ~~and~~ reintegration **and small arms and light weapons collection, storage and destruction** programmes, **particularly in post-conflict situations**.

Paragraph 23

To encourage States, **in cooperation with non-governmental organizations and civil society**, to undertake public-awareness programmes to reduce the demand for small arms and light weapons.

Paragraph 34

To support the disarmament and demobilization of ex-combatants and their subsequent ~~rehabilitation and~~ reintegration into civil society, **the rehabilitation of victims, particularly women and children,** and, in that context, the collection and destruction of ~~illegally held~~ small arms and light weapons, as well as the destruction of surpluses, and the inclusion, where required, of specific provisions in a peace agreement.

Paragraph 37

To develop common understandings of the basic issues and the scope of problems related to illicit arms brokering with a view to regulating the activities of those engaged in arms brokering **through international arrangements and a legally binding instrument on brokering in small arms and light weapons**.

Section III

Paragraph 16

In conflicts and post-conflict situations, ~~With respect to regions and subregions where conflicts have ended and~~ particularly where serious problems are experienced with excessive and destabilizing accumulations and spread of small arms and light weapons, the relevant regional and international organizations should support, within available resources, ~~all~~ appropriate ~~post-conflict~~ programmes related to the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants.